

## *Post* <sup>11-77</sup> Former Bank Head Pleads Guilty in Bugging Conspiracy

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(AP)—Edwin Duncan Jr., former chairman of the board of Northwest-ern Bank, pleaded guilty today to con-spiring to electronically monitor the conversations of FBI agents in the bank's Wilkesboro headquarters.

U. S. Attorney H. M. (Mickey) Michaux said that in a plea-bargaining arrangement, a second count of the Sept. 8 indictment charging actual bugging of the agents was dropped.

Michaux said the plea bargaining was subject to the approval of U. S. District Court Judge Hiram Ward, who on Friday is scheduled to sen-tence Duncan on the conspiracy charge and on two other charges to which he had pleaded guilty earlier.

The other charges involved bugging agents of the Internal Revenue Ser-vice who were investigating the bank, and misapplying \$257,000 dollars of the bank's money. The latter charge stemmed from Duncan's allegedly writing personal checks with insuffi-cient funds, then depositing the money to cover them later.